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To improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere by:

Finding ways of preventing and curing diseases of cats by conducting and sponsoring breakthrough feline health studies

Educating veterinarians and cat owners about feline health by providing timely medical information and by promoting public understanding and awareness of feline issues

Aiding veterinarians when new or unknown feline diseases occur



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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present the 2010 Annual Report of the Feline Health Center. The Center continues to thrive, thanks to the generous support of its donors and friends. As many of you know, the Center moved from their office space in Schurman Hall in the College of Veterinary Medicine to a renovated suite of offices in the Baker Institute for Animal Health. The move was completed by the end of 2009, and due to the outstanding planning and coordination by the staff, all systems were up and running with little interruption in service to the Camuti Consultation Service or the other important activities of the Center. Moving to the Baker Institute now permits the two units to share a focus on advancing the health and well-being of animals through research and education. Joining forces is making each unit more effective in achieving these important goals.

It has been a pleasure to work with the co-directors for the Feline Health Center, Drs. Chris Bellezza and Paul Maza. Their dedication to feline health is evident in everything they do for the Center. The Feline Symposium this year was very well subscribed and a wonderful learning experience for all who participated. Similarly, the James R. Richards Memorial Lectures were invaluable to the students and veterinarians in attendance. New this year was a spay and neuter program for feral cats led by Drs. Maza and Bellezza. The event is described in the pages that follow. Research supported by the Feline Health Center included studies of feline infectious peritonitis virus in the laboratory of Dr. Gary Whittaker, as well as research on infectious diseases of the eye by Dr. Eric Ledbetter. We are pleased to feature in this volume a report from Professor Danny Scott that summarizes his long experience and research on feline skin diseases.

We continue to be grateful for your support of Elizabeth's wish list. As a result of your gifts this year, the Center purchased several items from the wish list as well as some major equipment for use in cardiology, anesthesiology and ophthalmology that will enable the clinical specialists in the Cornell University Hospital for Animals to provide care for cats that was not previously possible. Advancing medical care for cats is what the Feline Health Center strives to achieve. All of our activities address the mission of the Feline Health Center "to improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere."

It has been my privilege to serve as the Interim Director of the Feline Health Center. In the past year, I have learned a great deal from the staff of the Feline Health Center, including the consultants Drs. Carolyn McDaniel and Marnie FitzMaurice, as well as the administrative staff members Sheryl Thomas, Don Personius, Kathy Mospan and Danielle Diaz. Professor and Director Emeritus Fred Scott has moved to the Baker Institute campus as well and has an office just across the lawn from the Center.

I am delighted that Dr. Colin Parrish, the John M. Olin Professor of Virology, has been named the next Director of the Feline Health Center and the Baker Institute for Animal Health. Colin is an extraordinary scientist who has contributed in many important ways to feline health during the course of his 30-year research career. His commitment to the Center's mission is strong, as strong, I believe, as that of the supporters of the Feline Health Center. As I learned during my tenure with the Center, the generosity of our donors is matched only by their dedication to the cats they love. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve this wonderful community.

With best wishes,

Judy Appleton
Alfred H. Caspary Professor of Immunology
Interim Director of the Feline Health Center and the Baker Institute for Animal Health



FELINE SYMPOSIUM MARKS 22ND YEAR

Continuing in the tradition of providing the most up-to-date information on feline health issues, the annual Fred Scott Feline Symposium marked its 22nd year in July 2010. “This annual event may be the most prestigious single all-about-the-cat conference in the nation,” writes famed pet columnist and radio personality Steve Dale. True to form, the 2010 symposium, presented by the Cornell Feline Health Center, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, and various corporate sponsors, drew recognized experts in feline medicine from institutions including Ohio State University, Washington State University, and Cornell.

Participants received in-depth knowledge on topics in feline medicine, such as urology, cardiology, critical care, dermatology, and feline anesthesiology. But they also had the opportunity to relax, socialize, and network. Held in the Veterinary Education Center on Cornell University’s Ithaca campus, participants were surrounded by the renowned summertime beauty of upstate New York’s Finger Lakes region. “The fickle Ithaca weather even cooperated for a Friday evening picnic at a local winery!” notes FHC co-director Dr. Christine Bellezza, one of the symposium’s organizers.

“About 120 veterinarians attended this symposium, coming from as far away as Canada, France, and Brazil,” reports Dr. Bellezza. “Each year, the symposium’s goal is to provide cutting-edge information on feline health issues. We choose highly relevant topics, and schedule only one lecture per time slot, so participants need not choose between competing presentations. It’s a relatively small event, so it feels intimate—and we’d like to keep it that way. Since we attract many repeat participants, and

build in time to socialize, we really get to know each other.” This year, for the first time, the proceedings were video-streamed to a nearby lecture hall, where Cornell faculty and students could watch.

As part of the ongoing James Richards Memorial Lecture Series featured at each symposium, Dr. Dennis Chew, a renowned veterinary urologist and nephrologist from Ohio State University, spoke on feline idiopathic hypercalcemia. Dr. Chew discussed possible causes, diagnosis, and treatment strategies, and presented new information on bisphosphonate treatment for this disease.

Another exciting session, titled, “Practicing Feline CPR—An Interactive, Case-Based Simulation with Audience Participation,” was presented by Drs. Gretchen Schoeffler, Catherine Rogers, and Daniel Fletcher. According to Dr. Fletcher, “Cardiopulmonary resuscitation is an important technique to put into practice when animal patients suffer unexpected cardiac arrest. Simulation-based training is gaining recognition in human health care as a method of training that combines adult learning theory with real-time clinical situations.”

“This session marked the debut of a feline resuscitation model cat, affectionately dubbed ‘Robo-Fluffy,’ which was developed by Dr. Fletcher right here at Cornell,” notes Dr. Bellezza. “Robo-Fluffy, based on a real cat, moves her chest to simulate breathing and comes complete with pulses you can feel and heart and lung sounds you can hear, as well as her own patient monitor to display vital signs. All of these features were thoroughly tested out by audience volunteers. We were delighted by the great reviews on that session—and on the entire symposium.”

CORNELL FELINE HEALTH CENTER ADDRESSES FERAL CAT OVERPOPULATION IN MEMORY OF DR. JIM RICHARDS

During the summer of 2010, 43 feral or barn cats were spayed or neutered during the inaugural feral cat spay/neuter clinic sponsored by the Feline Health Center in conjunction with Ithaca’s Shelter Outreach Services (SOS).

The clinic was held in memory of Dr. Jim Richards, former FHC Director killed in a motorcycle accident while trying to avoid a feral cat. Eight veterinary students from the Feline Club at Cornell University’s College of Veterinary Medicine, FHC co-directors Drs. Paul Maza and Christine Bellezza, Dr. Kim Snedden of SOS, and a team of volunteers from the Central NY Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (CNY SNAP) participated in the clinic.

An estimated 87 million free-roaming cats exist in the US. More than 6 million of these animals end up in shelters where most are euthanized. In addition to being in poor health generally, free-roaming cats also negatively impact wildlife and public health.

“Free-roaming cats can spread diseases such as feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency viruses to domestic cats and rabies and ringworm to humans,” said Dr. Bellezza. “Tragically, free-roaming cats live tough and often short lives, punctuated with illness, fear of abuse, and a constant search for food and shelter.”

Few agencies have comprehensive programs designed to decrease the number of feral cats in their communities. Trap-Neuter-Return projects have emerged as useful tools for control of feral cat populations. With continued funding, the Feline Health Center plans to offer additional clinics.

“We’re happy to have played a role in making sure that at least 43 cats will no longer contribute to the feral cat overpopulation problem,” said Dr. Maza. “It was a long but fulfilling day for all of us, and a way for us to honor Jim’s memory.”

SYMPOSIUM HONORS FELINE HEROES

The James Richards Memorial Lecture Series was established with the outpouring of contributions received in memory of

Dr. Richards, who directed the Feline Health Center from 1997 to 2007. Dr. Fred Scott, for whom the symposium is named,

established the Feline Health Center in 1974 and came out of retirement to serve as an interim director following Dr. Richards’

untimely death in 2007. Both men are known for their tireless efforts to improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere.



WHEN GOOD SYSTEMS GO BAD

Investigator, Gary Whittaker, PhD

Professor of Virology

Department of Microbiology and Immunology



A cat's immune system, just like ours, is supposed to protect it from foreign substances. Unfortunately, the virus that causes feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) has found a way to trick a cat's immune system, by actually infecting the white blood cells that normally fight off disease. The white blood cells then transport the virus throughout the cat's body. Even more unfortunate, the disease is quite often fatal, diagnosis is very difficult, and no effective therapies have been identified—yet.

“This is a feline health issue of grave concern,” said Dr. Gary Whittaker, who currently holds a grant from the Feline Health Center for a clinical study that might shed new light—and treatments—on FIP. “It is clinically dramatic and very devastating.”

FIP is caused by a mutation of the generally benign feline coronavirus. The most common form of the benign virus is feline enteric coronavirus (FECV), a virus found in the intestinal tract that seldom causes illness, but can mutate into the FIP virus. Though FECV is highly transmissible, the FIP virus is not. The mutated virus affects from 1 to 5 percent of cats that test positive for FECV, particularly those that cannot fight off the new type of infection. Young cats and those with compromised immune systems are particularly vulnerable. Though FIP is relatively uncommon, about 80 to 90 percent of cats in multiple-cat environments are infected with benign FECV, making the disease of particular concern for shelters.

Two clinical forms of FIP virus have been identified. According to Whittaker, cats that have contracted the “wet form” may present with signs including fever, lethargy, loss of appetite, and weight loss. Considered the most aggressive form,

the wet form is characterized by fluid accumulation in the abdomen or chest and incites breathing problems. The “dry form” of FIP is characterized by inflammatory lesions in major organs, including the brain, kidney and liver. These cats also suffer with eye lesions and may exhibit neurologic abnormalities.

Whittaker and his team have been researching FIP virus for approximately three years. One of his early discoveries proved that the virus is dependent on a protein in white blood cells that enables it to infect those cells. The protein is a protease, an enzyme called cathepsin-B, that is present in normal cells. The mutated FIP virus takes advantage of the protease, making the cat's immune system an unwitting partner in the disease process.

Whittaker is studying two antiviral drugs that may protect feline white blood cells from becoming hijacked by the FIP virus. He also is hoping to develop an early diagnostic test for FIP.

“My big concern is that the diagnosis comes very late in this disease,” said Whittaker, who is a professor of virology at the College of Veterinary Medicine. “Even the best drug may be irrelevant if you can't diagnose or diagnose too late.”

In order to develop a reliable, rapid diagnostic test for FIP, Whittaker is collecting samples from healthy cats, cats confirmed to have FIP, as well as cats that veterinarians suspect may have FIP. For more information on this FHC-sponsored research and how you can help further the research efforts, please contact Dr. Whittaker at <fcovstudy@cornell.edu>.

Investigator, Eric Ledbetter DVM,
Diplomate, ACVO,
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology,
Department of Clinical Sciences



Eric Ledbetter, DVM, DACVO, the Robert Hovey Udall assistant professor of ophthalmology at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals, researches eye disease in cats. Although pathogenic amoebae were previously known for causing human eye infection, prior to Dr. Ledbetter's research, the possible occurrence of this infection had not been investigated in cats.

"Environmental free-living amoebae are common in moist environments—they live in soil, well water, and tap water," explains Dr. Ledbetter. "We're in the infancy of understanding their role in feline corneal infection." That they even had a role was only recently discovered; that discovery was made by Dr. Ledbetter, via an FHC grant awarded to look for these amoebae in affected cats. "Without that funding, we might not have known that amoebic eye infection occurred in cats," he notes. "We made an educated guess that we might find it there, and it paid off." Dr. Ledbetter is currently in the middle of a new FHC-funded round of studies; the goal now is to determine how these amoebae bind to and invade the feline cornea.

"We've learned that exposure to these amoebae combined with a compromised cornea—for example, in a cat who has been in a catfight or has a foreign body in its eye—can predispose the cat to infection. The sex, age, or breed of the cat seems to be unrelated to its susceptibility," reports Dr. Ledbetter.

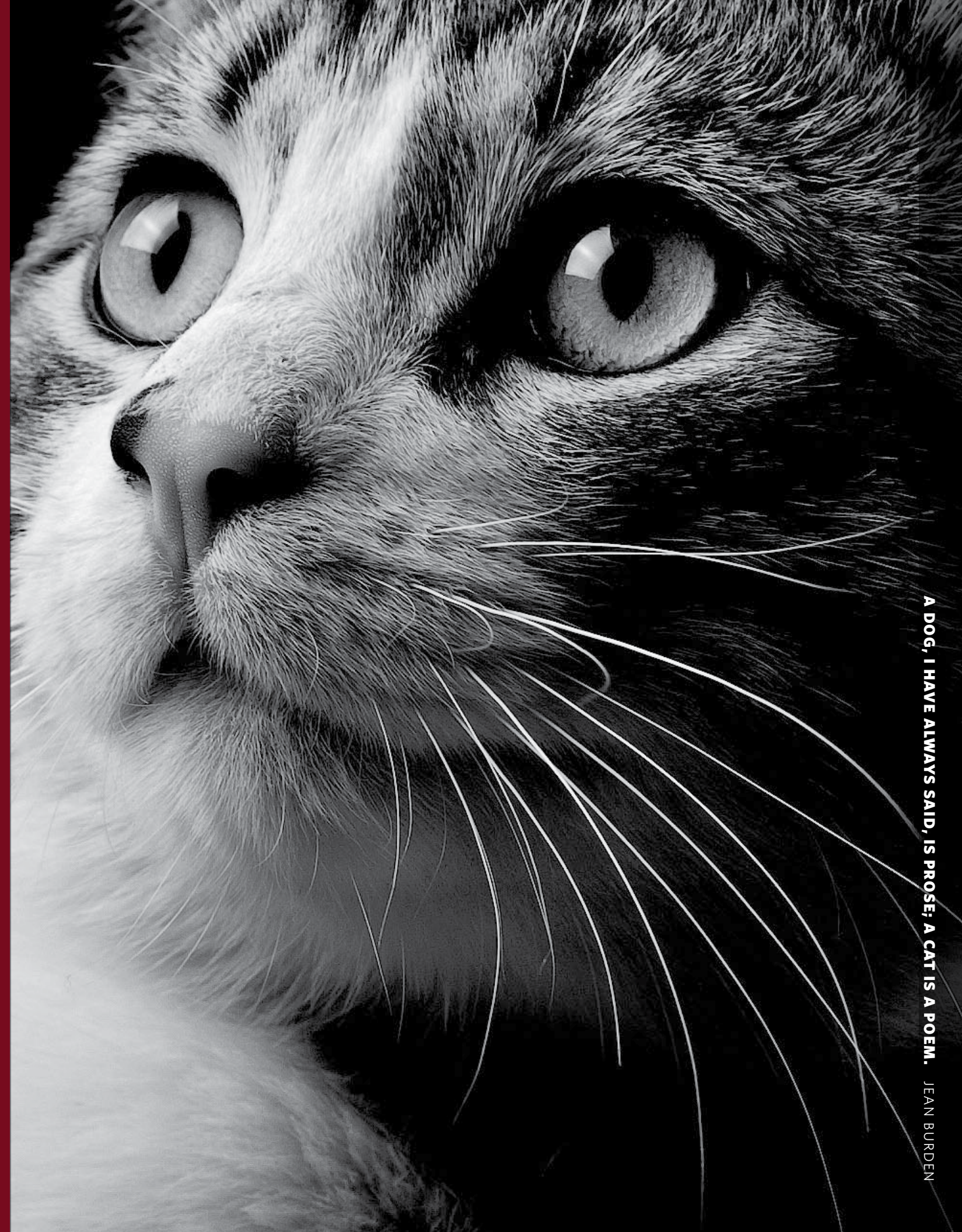
These particular amoebae have host specificity. "Some animals, such as dogs and horses, do not appear susceptible to amoebae-caused eye infections, whereas others, including pigs, hamsters, cats, and humans, are susceptible. The amoebae bind with a similar affinity to the corneas of all these susceptible species," explains Dr. Ledbetter. "In our current studies, we are attempting to compare how the amoebae bind to intact, versus damaged, feline corneas."

Signs of amoebic infection that cat owners may observe include squinting, inflammation, ocular discharge, and cloudy eye surfaces. However, says Dr. Ledbetter, bacterial or viral infection may produce similar signs. "To complicate matters further, a cat may harbor two or even all three types of infection simultaneously. In such cases, all three types need to be treated," says Dr. Ledbetter, adding, "If left untreated, such infections can lead to permanent eye damage, including chronic pain and blindness."

Unfortunately, tests for amoebic infection are not yet widely available for cats, so diagnosis remains a challenge. "We are trying to develop a simple polymerase chain reaction assay, in which a swab from the eye surface could be easily tested for infectious amoebae," says Dr. Ledbetter. "Currently we are using an instrument which, when placed against the cat's eye, enables us to view the amoebae within the cornea at high magnification."

"How to treat amoebic infection is the million-dollar question!" notes Dr. Ledbetter. "The medications used for humans don't work very well, and they may take a long time to clear the infection." One problem with treating amoebic infections is that the organism is present in two forms, which co-exist within the eye. "The active form predominates under favorable conditions, but when conditions become adverse—such as when the cat's immune system is fighting back, or medications are being administered—the amoebae form a cyst inside the cornea," explains Dr. Ledbetter. "It may stay in this form for months, or even years, and become active again when conditions are more favorable. It is very difficult for currently available medications to eradicate the cyst form."

"We hope our research will help affected cats by describing the appearance of the disease, finding the best way to rapidly diagnose the condition in its early stages, and determining the best way to treat it," summarizes Dr. Ledbetter. As a side goal, he hopes to determine how prevalent amoebic corneal infection is in cats. "It could be much more common than we realize," he says. "It's scary to think about all the cats with this infection that may be walking around undiagnosed! There is a great opportunity here to educate both pet owners and veterinarians to consider amoebae when determining the causes of eye infection in cats."





Investigator, Danny Scott DVM,
Diplomate, ACVD,
Professor of Medicine and Co-chief of the Dermatology Service,
Department of Clinical Sciences



Abscesses, otodectic mange, cheyletiellosis, flea bite hypersensitivity, atopic dermatitis, flea infestation, and neoplasia are all in a day's work for Danny W. Scott, DVM, DACVD, Professor of Medicine and Co-chief of the Dermatology Service at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine. These are among the most common dermatologic disorders among cats. In previous surveys, companion animal dermatological problems were found to be common, varying regionally from 25 to 75 percent of all companion animals seen by practicing veterinarians, according to Dr. Scott. "The further south you go, the more dermatological problems you encounter, due in part to the increased heat and humidity, and to various fungi and parasites."

Over the course of Dr. Scott's career, he's published 16 papers on unique skin lesions, been involved in the development of nine new dermatology medications, and identified 36 new skin diseases in cats. He also performs the day-to-day duties of teaching veterinary students and identifying skin pathologies. "Practices from all over the world send skin biopsies here," reports Dr. Scott. "We try to help both individual cats by making specific diagnoses and cats as a whole by evaluating different lesions."

When trying to diagnose a particular dermatological problem, Dr. Scott first considers the diseases that manifest in similar ways. "Then we weed them out, going from the most common to least common. We try simple things first, like using plucked hairs or sore secretion samples to test for certain diseases," says Dr. Scott. Rarer diseases might require a surgical biopsy, which may then be cultured to test for infection. "There's also a lot to be gained from gathering baseline data on what's normal," notes Dr. Scott. "For example, previously, only the ear cells of diseased cats had been referenced, so we've gone ahead and developed cytology references for normal, healthy cat ears."

When autoimmune diseases began to be recognized, Dr. Scott's group was the first to document them in cats and report on those pathologic changes. They developed diagnostic methods for two autoimmune diseases: pemphigus vulgaris, which manifests as open sores or ulcers in the mouth, lips, eyelids, nostrils, and anus; and pemphigus erythematosus, which manifests as scabs covering the face and ears. "Pemphigus diseases in humans had been recognized many years earlier," notes Dr. Scott. "We looked at the human treatments used to see what might work in cats, and what treatments might make the most sense in terms of minimal side effects, minimal expense, and ease of owner administration. As is typical in veterinary medicine, some human medications worked and others didn't." One new treatment that was found to be useful for both autoimmune diseases, called chrysotherapy, involves injections with elemental gold.

Dr. Scott recently completed a study on the use of a particular antihistamine in 30 allergic cats. "We found that cetirizine (Zyrtec®) reduced the itching in 40 percent of these cats. It's also inexpensive and has rare side effects." Dr. Scott also just completed an evaluation of biopsies from cats with food, flea, or other environmental allergies. "The bottom line there was that you cannot tell one allergy from another just by looking at the biopsy," he reports.

During Dr. Scott's recent sabbatical, he worked on obtaining the first ever demographic study of 1,400 client-owned cats, mostly from New York, with a variety of skin diseases. "We are trying to find the most common dermatological problems, as well as any correlations between the diseases and the age, breed, and sex of these cats," says Dr. Scott. One finding was that the most common type of problem among these cats was allergies, which affected nearly one-third of the 1,400 cats. "We're now working with a statistician who is crunching those numbers; next year we'll be preparing the study for publication," says Dr. Scott. "Three different breakout projects have since resulted," he adds. "One is the largest study ever done on feline acne, involving 70 cats. Another is studying 70 cats with the idiopathic eosinophilic granuloma complex. The third involves 400 allergic cats."

About half of Dr. Scott's cases are referrals, meaning that these cats have previously been seen by at least one—and sometimes many—veterinarians. "Private veterinarians get a very different picture than we do at our hospital," says Dr. Scott. "We work cooperatively to provide the best care possible."

The Feline Health Center supports veterinary students every year with financial assistance that is often the determining factor when choosing to prepare for this profession.

The Mildred G. Federico Scholarship was established in 2004 by the Trust of Mildred G. Federico. This scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who has a demonstrated financial need, has been judged by faculty to be in good standing academically, and has a demonstrated interest in feline medicine. Student recipients are recommended by the director of the Community Practice Service in the Companion Animal Hospital, with approval by the director of the Feline Health Center.

The Feline Health Center Scholarship was established in 1999 by an anonymous donor. This scholarship was created to provide assistance to deserving veterinary students who have a clear and demonstrated financial need, who have been judged by the faculty to be in good academic standing, and who demonstrate an interest in feline medicine. Preference is given to fourth-year veterinary students.

The Jessie D. and Denny W. Speidel Scholarship in Feline Medicine was established by Patricia S. Cope '50 in honor of her parents. It provides assistance to deserving, qualified veterinary students with demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to third- or fourth-year students in good academic standing who show an interest in feline medicine and plan to pursue a career in the field. A related fund established by Cope supports the scholarship recipients by reimbursing the costs of their textbooks and supplies.

In the 2009-10 academic year, just over \$35,000 in scholarship support was awarded to the following students:

FEDERICO SCHOLARSHIP:

Nicole Van Gorp

FELINE HEALTH CENTER SCHOLARSHIP:

Caitlin Comparetta

SPEIDEL SCHOLARSHIP:

Lisa Bazzle

Tradel Harris

Ming Lui

Melissa Turner



THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF A CAT... THAT SEEMS TO TAKE THE BITE OUT OF BEING ALONE.
LOUIS J. CAMUTI



DON AND RITA POWELLS' GIFT: SURFING AN IMPROVED FELINE WEBSITE

When it comes to the well-being of cats everywhere, the Feline Health Center receives accolades not only for their continuing research on cat health, but for providing credible information to veterinarians and cat owners everywhere. Many consider the FHC website (www.vet.cornell.edu/FHC) one-stop-shopping for cat owners. In fact, says Dr. Christine Bellezza, co-director of the Feline Health Center, "Our website gets a tremendous number of hits every month. People who love cats are hungry for more information on how best to care for them."

Now, a good thing is about to become even better. Donald Powell '69, DVM and his wife, Rita, recently made a generous contribution to expand the center's website. "The Powells' gift will greatly enhance our website's medical content," says Dr. Bellezza. "Based on what we've learned from our Camuti Feline Consultation hotline (1-800-KITTY-DR), we have a good idea of the kinds of questions pet owners have. So we're adding 50 articles on highly relevant topics that are currently not represented on our website, and not readily available elsewhere. In addition to covering the most common issues and diseases, we're covering new topics like feline Lyme disease, pancreatitis, and hyperesthesia syndrome. We are also reorganizing the site so that the information is easier to find. Without the Powells' gift it would have taken years to gather and add all this information to our website. This gift will help us to remain the source for information on feline health issues." Dr. Judy Appleton, interim director of the Baker Institute and Feline Health Center agrees: "The Powells' generosity is greatly appreciated and will help the Center advance its mission to improve cat care everywhere."

In 1971, Don Powell founded Pender Veterinary Clinics, which operates two hospitals in Fairfax, Virginia, and employs 30 veterinarians. He and Rita, as well as their foundation, Pender Pet Caring Foundation, are long-time donors to the Center. "I graduated from the vet school in 1969, so I'm a big fan of Cornell and enjoy helping," says Powell. "Last spring Rita and I visited Cornell, as we usually do a few times each year. At the time, I was re-doing my business website (www.pendervet.com). During this process, I kept realizing how important it is for website information to be credible and current. Increasingly, people are going online to learn about everything, including cat health, so we might as well be a part of it."

Powell believes that the new and improved Feline Health Center website will benefit his business as well. "We could post links to the FHC website on ours, and refer our clients to specific, pertinent articles that will help their cats. If we can avoid having an overload of printed information in our offices, it would be a win-win situation that would save a few trees, and avoid overwhelming our clients with information not relevant to their situation. And, if my clients begin to think of the FHC as worthy of their donations, possibly a third win could come out of it as well!"

THE POWER OF MANY GIFTS

One of the ways in which the Feline Health Center supports the Cornell University Hospital for Animals (CUHA) is by publicizing needed items on Elizabeth's Wish List. In response to an item on last year's list, reader Janet Spadora generously contributed \$4,500 to purchase a dental scaler for CUHA to use on feline cancer patients. Spadora's inspiration was her "outgoing and friendly" cat Reily, who died of oral cancer in May 2009. Wrote Spadora in a letter, "Reily was diagnosed with a tumor under his tongue during a routine dental cleaning in February 2009....We were lucky to have three more months to treasure him. I hope the dental scaler will help all cats with oral cancer."

The scaler will indeed do just that, says Margaret McEntee, DVM, oncology professor and interim chair of the Department of Clinical Sciences. "Clean teeth are essential when administering radiation therapy to both humans and animal patients with oral cancer, because the tartar that accumulates on the teeth harbors bacteria," she explains. "Radiation directed inside the mouth can cause inflammation of the gums. If bacteria are present, they can get into the bloodstream and cause infection, or increased local reactions to the radiation. So, removing this tartar prior to radiation can prevent complications."

Veterinary patients are put under general anesthesia for each radiation treatment, so it's easy to clean their teeth during the first treatment, says Dr. McEntee. "Previously, we had to borrow a scaler from the hospital's dentistry service. It was not always available when we needed it. Now, our scaler is readily available in the radiation suite. This mobile unit is especially valuable because it travels from room to room, so the animal doesn't need to be moved." The 20-minute ultrasonic cleaning removes tartar from each tooth, then washes away the bacteria, without

adding much time under anesthesia or cost. "We can now insure that dental cleaning is a standard part of care for our radiation patients," notes Dr. McEntee.

Although the scaler is currently used on animals with cancer, says Dr. McEntee, because gingivitis may contribute to the development of oral squamous cell carcinomas, the scaler could be used to prevent cancer as well. "Dentistry, including improved oral hygiene, is a big part of our veterinary students' education," says Dr. McEntee. "We think of it as a core skill for which all veterinarians need proficiency. We are delighted with, and so appreciative of, this gift!"

The FHC also provides direct grants to CUHA to purchase much-needed equipment. The goal is to provide equipment that enables clinicians to provide new treatments or perform new diagnostic tests that would be impossible otherwise. A recent \$49,950 grant funded three such items. The first, a specialty small-diameter fiberoptic, enables CUHA to provide one-lung anesthesia for cats, and allows internists to examine their airways and obtain samples under direct visualization without removing the tracheal tube used to provide anesthesia, and more importantly, oxygen. The second item, an ophthalmic laser system for treating feline glaucoma, provides long-term intraocular pressure control, vision preservation, and control of glaucoma-associated pain. Finally, a new echocardiography probe provides improved image capability for examining cat's hearts, and improved diagnosis of feline heart disease.

Says CUHA director Dr. Bill Horne, "Such support is vital to the innovative, patient-centered care our clients expect. It keeps us on the cutting edge of animal health."



Elizabeth, our feline ambassador, has worked with our staff to develop this list of ideas for those friends who would like to designate a specific gift to support the work of the center. Elizabeth knows that enlisting the help of others works.

All gifts, large or small, are welcomed in the name of feline health. Your gifts are important to help continue the fine work done by the Feline Health Center and its partners within the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Ways You Can Help

Establish an endowment to provide permanent support for the following:

Professorship - Name a faculty position for someone with a special interest in feline medicine at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine: \$3,000,000

Medical residency - Name a residency to support the post-DVM training of a veterinarian with a special interest in feline medicine: \$1,000,000

Scholarship for a veterinary student - Name a scholarship to support a veterinary student interested in feline medicine: \$100,000

Direct a gift to help fund the following:

Feline Health Center Scholarship fund for veterinary students: Any amount

Funds for Feline Health Studies: Any amount

Feline Spay/Neuter Clinics to help reduce the overpopulation of feral cats in the United States: \$2,500

Purchase needed equipment for the Cornell University Hospital for Animals and College of Veterinary Medicine:

One feline resuscitation model cat, based on a real cat, currently exists; it contains pulses, lung sounds, a mov-

ing chest to simulate breathing, and a patient monitor to display vital signs. Additional models are needed to better prepare veterinary students to handle crises.

Purchase of a human simulator and refurbishing it into a commercial cat model: \$30,000
Design and construction of a designated cat model: \$150,000

Flow cytometry reagents for cats with cardiac disease; such reagents help measure the reactivity of blood platelets to drugs that have proven effective in people: \$5,000

Fluorescence microscope to perform quick identification of important diseases in felines, including panleukopenia, feline infectious peritonitis, and chlamydia: \$15,860

Specialized phase contrast microscope with digital camera to better detect and view amoebae that cause eye disease in cats: \$5,000

In collaboration with Ithaca's Shelter Outreach Services, Cornell assists in providing high quality, high volume spay/neuter services to local animals in need. Program needs include:

Surgery light: \$1,500

Surgery pack: \$1,500

For additional information about Elizabeth's Wish List items, please contact Sheryl Thomas at 607-253-3001 or sat6@cornell.edu.

Elizabeth thanks you!



Fred Scott DVM '62, PhD '68 was recognized with the 2009 Daniel Elmer Salmon Award for Distinguished Alumni Service, given annually by the Alumni Association of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. Presented at the New York State Veterinary Conference, on October 3, 2009, the award recognizes and honors Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine graduates who have distinguished themselves in service to the profession, their communities or to the College.



The award is named in honor of Cornell's first DVM graduate, who is remembered for his pioneering work in controlling contagious animal diseases in the early 20th century. D.E. Salmon was one of Dr. James Law's first students when Cornell University opened its doors in 1868. He received the Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree in 1872 and entered practice in Newark, NJ. He continued his advanced research at Cornell and in 1876 he was awarded the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. This was the first DVM degree to be awarded in the United States of America.

Born and raised on a dairy farm in western Massachusetts, Dr. Scott's original draw to the veterinary profession was cattle. As life unfolded, though, he walked through a "series of doors that opened unexpectedly" that led him to a profession devoted to cats. He established the internationally known Cornell Feline Health Center in 1974 to improve the quality of life for cats through research and education. Since its founding, the Center has served as a resource for feline practitioners and cat owners across the world.

"Thirty-five years ago, cats were not getting much attention," said Dr. Scott, whose research career began with the identification of the optimum time to vaccinate kittens against feline panleukopenia. "We knew very little about their needs, the diseases that attack them, and how best to care for them. It is very different today. Seminars and conferences are devoted exclusively to cats, and we are in a much better position to ensure the quality of their lives thanks to state-of-the-art research, including research that has been sponsored by the Center."

Dr. Scott began his veterinary career as a private practitioner in Rutland, VT, where he worked for about two years. He then conducted research on foot-and-mouth disease at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center. In 1965 he returned to Cornell to study virology under Dr. James Gillespie in the Department of Microbiology. After earning his doctorate, he joined the College's faculty in 1968 as an assistant professor of virology, rising through the ranks to full professor. He retired as an emeritus professor in 1996. In 2007, with the sudden passing of the Feline Health Center's director, Dr. Jim Richards, Dr. Scott was asked to step in once again as the Center's interim director, a position he filled until June 30, 2009.

Dr. Scott was one of the early leaders in the American Association of Feline Practitioners, serving as President-Elect in 1974-76, and President in 1976-78. He is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists, an Honor Roll Member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, a member of the National Academies of Practice, and Honorary First Fellow of the Academy of Feline Medicine.

Dr. Scott taught the virology and viral diseases course to all veterinary students for some 20 years. He taught feline infectious diseases within the veterinary curriculum for nearly 40 years, first within the Small Animal Infectious Diseases elective that he started in 1970, and then in retirement as a guest lecturer within the Feline Infectious Disease elective. "I've had many opportunities to watch 'change,'" said Dr. Scott. "When I came back to the Center after 10 years, it was most interesting to see how technology had impacted the day-to-day duties and improved the possibility for life-changing discovery. The vision for the center has not changed, though. It remains a strong and vibrant leader in feline health. I am blessed to have been a part of the Feline Health Center and the faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine, to have had a great cadre of outstanding graduate students and research associates, and to have a large and very supportive family. I'm humbled that my work has been recognized with the Salmon Award. Many of my mentors and colleagues have received this award, and it is a tremendous honor to receive it as well."



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Rev. Nancy J. Reed
(in memory of Amanda)
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(in memory of Marley Sapcarui)
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Mrs. Carole Replogle
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(in memory of Stubby Morris)
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(in memory of Lucy Hauser)
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(in honor of Kevin Winkler's Birthday)
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Ms. Judith Semkow
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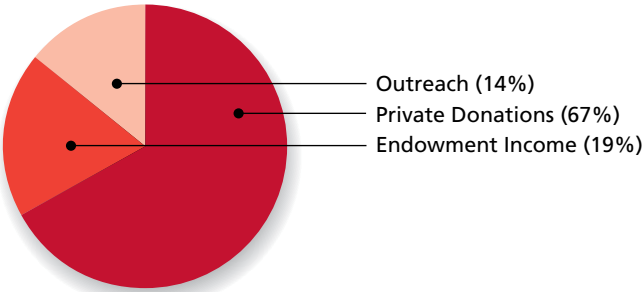
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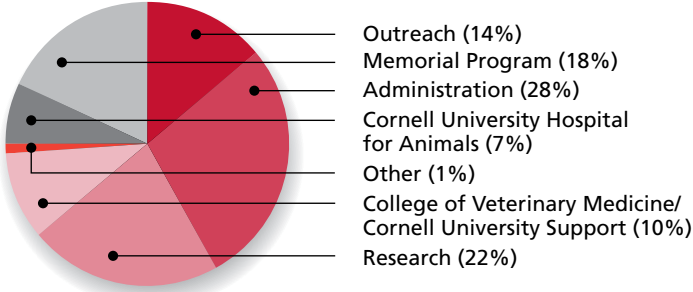
FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2010

REVENUES



Revenue Summary:
Close to 70% of our income is from private donations.
Nearly 20% of our revenue comes from endowment income.
Outreach support represents the rest of our income.

EXPENSES



Expense Summary:
Close to 25% of our expenses represent basic and clinical research support in the College of Veterinary Medicine.
In FY10 we were able to give support to the Cornell Hospital for Animals to purchase equipment that provided enhanced care by clinicians.
Our important outreach activities represent nearly 15% of our expenses, which include our consultation service, memberships, brochures, and website.

CLINIC AND HOSPITAL MEMORIAL GIFTS

- A Cat Clinic
- Abundance of Care Pet Hospital
- Eileen R. Adamo, DVM
- Adirondack Animal Hospital
- Albuquerque Cat Clinic
- All About Cats Veterinary Clinic
- All Cats Hospital
- All Pets Medical Center
- Allenwood Animal Hospital
- Amherst Veterinary Hospital
- Animal General
Avon, CT
- Animal General
Edgewater, NJ
- Animal Hospitable Veterinary Clinic
- Animal Hospital of Greenwich and Stamford
- Animal Hospital of Kent
- Animal Hospital of Niskayuna
- Animal Hospital of Walnut
- Animal Kind Veterinary Hospital
- Animal Medical of New City
- Ardda Animal Hospital
- Arlington South Veterinary Hospital
- Arrowhead Veterinary Clinic
- Aspetuck Animal Hospital
- Baldwin Animal Hospital and Bird Clinic
- Baldwin Harbor Animal Hospital
- Batavia Animal Hospital
- Sharon Battistelli, LVT
- Bay Hill Cat Hospital
- Bayshore Animal Hospital
- Berkeley Dog and Cat Hospital
- Bolton Veterinary Hospital
- Brockton Animal Hospital
- Brook Farm Veterinary Center
- Bryan Animal Hospital
- Burlington Veterinary Center
- Buster Brown's All Animal Care Clinic
- Cape Ann Veterinary Hospital
- Capital Cat Clinic
- Kathy A. Carlson, DVM
- Cat Care
- Cat Care Clinic
- Cat Care Clinic of Ormond Beach

Cat Care Hospital
Greensboro, NC
Cat Care Hospital
West Chester, OH
Cat Clinic of Greensboro
Cat Hospital at Towson
Cat Hospital of Chicago
Cat Hospital of Petaluma
Cat Hospital of Portland
Cat Hospital of Sarasota
Cat Sense Feline Hospital
Cats Exclusive Veterinary Center
Cats Love Housecalls
Cats Only Veterinary Clinic
Columbus, OH
Cats Only Veterinary Clinic
Norman, OK
Cats Only Veterinary Hospital
Center for Feline Medicine and Surgery
Central Animal Hospital
Central Veterinary Hospital
Centreville Animal Hospital
Chester Veterinary Clinic
Chippens Hill Veterinary Hospital
Clark Animal Care Center
Clarkson Veterinary Hospital
John S. Clauss, DVM
Clear Lakes Animal Wellness
Coastal Cats Feline Health Care
Cobleskill Veterinary Clinic
Steven J. Cohen, DVM
Patricia J. Collins, DVM
Community Veterinary Hospital
Companion Animal Hospital
James F. Cone, DVM
Cosmic Cat Veterinary Clinic
Country Cat Clinic
Croton Animal Hospital
Eileen Dalton, DVM
Deer Park Animal Hospital
Delmar Veterinary Associates
John C. DeVerna, DVM
Dongan Hills Veterinary Practice
Doylestown Animal Medical Clinic
Eagle Animal Hospital
Eagle Rock Veterinary Hospital
East Hilliard Veterinary Services
East Meadow Animal Hospital
East Valley Animal Clinic
Easthampton Animal Hospital
Eastview Veterinary Clinic
Erie Animal Hospital

Estates Animal Hospital
Exclusively Cats Veterinary Hospital
Fairfield Veterinary Hospital
Farmington Veterinary Clinic
Feline Health
Jean A. Ferreri, DVM
Flower Valley Veterinary Clinic
For Cats Only Medical and Surgical Center
Forest Hills Cat Hospital
Jan M. Freeman, DVM
Gardens Veterinary Hospital
Gearhart Veterinary Hospital
Georgetown Veterinary Hospital
German Flatts Veterinary Clinic
Judy K. Gilbertson, DVM
Glen Animal Hospital
Godspeed Animal Care
L. W. Goodman, DVM
Goshen Animal Clinic
Greenwich Animal Hospital
Edward J. Gschrey, DVM
Caryl Handelman Abrams, DVM
Harlingen Veterinary Clinic
Harts Run Veterinary Hospital
Hartsdale Veterinary Hospital
Emi Hayashi, DVM
Raymond S. Hayes, DVM
Mark P. Helfat, DVM
Robert L. Henrickson, DVM
William H. Herbold, DVM
Highland Animal Hospital
Ellen B. Hikes, DVM
Bonnie Hileman, DVM
Holden Veterinary Clinic
Home Veterinary Services
Homer Veterinary Clinic
Bruce N. Hoskins, DVM
Andrea W. Jacobson, DVM
Linda E. Jacobson, DVM
Jeffersonville Animal Hospital
Doreen F. John, DVM
Just Cats Veterinary Care
Katonah Bedford Veterinary Center
Mary L. Keating, DVM
Kendall Animal Clinic
Kingstowne Cat Clinic
Kitty's Doctor
LaGrange Veterinary Hospital
Gloria Leopard, DVM
Lexington Animal Hospital
Jane E. Liller, DVM

Linwood Animal Hospital
Lombard Animal Clinic
Lums Pond Animal Hospital
Lyndon Veterinary Clinic
Main Street Cat Hospital
Manchester Veterinary Clinic
Manetto Hill Animal Clinic
Manhattan Cat Specialists
Manhattan Veterinary Group
Manheim Pike Veterinary Hospital
Manlius Veterinary Hospital
Marsh Hospital For Animals
Matawan Animal Hospital
Mattapoissett Animal Hospital
Mayfair Animal Hospital
Meadowridge Veterinary Hospital
Medway Animal Hospital
Metro Cat Hospital
Alan S. Meyer, DVM
Middletown Veterinary Hospital
Milford Animal Hospital
Milford, CT
Milford Animal Hospital
Milford, PA
Alexander J. Miller, DVM
Millhopper Veterinary Medical Center
Millwood Animal Hospital
Monticello Animal Hospital
Montrose Animal Health Center
Morrisville Cat Hospital
Jeffrey J. Moyer, DVM
Nanuet Animal Hospital
National Veterinary Associates
New England Cat Care
New Milford Animal Hospital
New York Cat Hospital
John D. Nordwall, DVM
North Country Veterinary Services
North Shore Animal Hospital
North Windham Animal Hospital
Northern Tier Veterinary Clinic
Norwin Veterinary Hospital
Oakton-Vienna Veterinary Hospital
Mario Obstbaum, DVM
Oradell Animal Hospital
Oro Valley Pet Clinic
Park Place Veterinary Hospital
Park Ridge Animal Hospital
Parkview Cat Clinic
Pleasant Valley Animal Hospital
Raymond S. Pray, DVM
Ridge Animal Hospital

Ridgewood Veterinary Hospital
Roanoke Animal Hospital
Rockledge Veterinary Clinic
Ruxton Animal Hospital
Rye Harrison Veterinary Hospital
Rye Neck Veterinary Hospital
St. Francis Animal Clinic
Sakonnet Veterinary Hospital
Salmon Brook Veterinary Hospital
Saugerties Animal Hospital
Ronald A. Scharf, DVM
Alan B. Schreier, DVM
Schulhof Animal Hospital
Scott, Henry, and Rosen
Rebecca E. Seacord, DVM
Kim A. Slade, DVM
Sleepy Hollow Animal Hospital
Somers Animal Hospital
Somers Point Veterinary Hospital
Somerset Animal Hospital
South Towne Veterinary Hospital
South Windsor Veterinary Clinic
Southwick Animal Hospital
Springfield Animal Hospital
Springville Animal Hospital
Stack Hospital for Pets
Stafford Veterinary Hospital
Star Meadow Animal Clinic
Storybook Farm Veterinary Hospital

Suffield Veterinary Hospital
Alan M. Tausz, DVM
The Cat Care Clinic
The Cat Doctor
Atlanta, GA
The Cat Doctor
Columbus, OH
The Cat Doctor
Endicott, NY
The Cat Doctor
Milwaukee, WI
The Cat Hospital at Palm Harbor
The Cat Practice
The Coast Cat Clinic
The Completely Cat Clinic
The Feline Hospital
The Kitty Clinic
The Moriches Hospital for Animals
The Nashville Cat Clinic
The Visiting Vet
Marilyn J. Thompson, DVM
Thornwood Veterinary Hospital
Three Village Veterinary Hospital
Town and Country Animal Clinic
Town and Country Hospital for Pets
Triboro Animal Hospital
Tyngsboro Veterinary Hospital
University Animal Hospital
University Drive Veterinary Hospital
Valley Cottage Animal Hospital

Valley Veterinarian Partners
VCA Animal Care Center of Sonoma County
VCA Hemingway Cat Hospital
Vet on Wheels
Veterinary Centers of America
Veterinary Internal Medicine
Veterinary Oncology and Referral Clinic
Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego
Vienna Animal Hospital, Inc.
Viking Community Animal Hospital
Alvin J. Vogel, DVM
Wantagh Animal Hospital
Watertown Animal Hospital
Ivan B. Weinstein, DVM
West Chelsea Veterinary
West Park Veterinary Services
Westside Hospital for Cats
Teri White, DVM
Windsor Veterinary Clinic
Winsted Hospital for Animals
Michael Woltz, DVM
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Wright's Corners Animal Care Center
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DR. LOUIS J. CAMUTI MEMORIAL FELINE CONSULTATION & DIAGNOSTIC SERVICE

Named in honor of beloved veterinarian Louis J. Camuti (1894-1981), known affectionately to many as “the Cat Doctor,” this telephone consultation service provides individualized assistance to veterinarians and cat lovers. As the first veterinarian in the United States to devote his practice entirely to cats, Dr. Camuti understood that he could reduce the stress cats experienced when taken to the veterinarian by instead making house calls. With his wife by his side, Dr. Camuti made house calls for cats and their owners for more than 60 years.

In today’s world, information on feline diseases and health care is growing rapidly, making it difficult for practitioners and cat owners to stay current on the newest developments in feline health care. In response to this need, veterinarians with the Camuti Feline Consultation Service answer specific questions, giving up-to-date advice based on the most current information available. The information provided is intended to supplement the callers’ relationship with their veterinarians, providing extra information when needed. The Camuti Feline Consultation Service is proud to continue Dr. Camuti’s tradition of compassion, dedication, and pioneering professional commitment to the health and well-being of cats.

Income from the endowment established in Dr. Camuti’s memory helps to subsidize the operational costs of the service together with a consultation fee that is charged to callers. A discount is provided for Professional and Supporting Members of the Feline Health Center.

VIDEOS ON THE WEB SITE

To help people understand the basics of providing home care for their cats, the Feline Health Center has collaborated with Partners in Animal Health at the College of Veterinary Medicine to develop a series of popular videos that offer step-by-step instructions. The online videos are free and simple to use. They provide clear, easy-to-understand explanations and animated details for a variety of topics important to cat owners. You can order DVD versions of the videos by calling 607.253.3081.

The site currently includes videos titled:

Caring for Your Diabetic Cat
Cat Owner’s Guide to Kidney Disease
Home Care for Your Cats
Pet Owner’s Guide to Cancer
Managing Destructive Scratching Behavior
Gastrointestinal Diseases in Cats

PUBLICATIONS

Client education brochures, which can be obtained from veterinarians or viewed online, are developed by the Feline Health Center. Current titles include:

Choosing and Caring for Your Cat
Feeding Your Cat
Feline Behavior Problems (House Soiling, Aggression, Destructive Behavior)
Feline Diabetes
Feline Immunodeficiency Virus

Feline Infectious Peritonitis
Feline Leukemia Virus
Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease
Feline Respiratory Infections
Feline Vaccines: Benefits and Risks
Gastrointestinal Parasites of Cats
Hyperthyroidism in Cats
Inflammatory Bowel Disease
The Special Needs of the Senior Cat
Toxoplasmosis
Vaccines and Sarcomas: A Concern for Cat Owners
Zoonotic Disease: What Can I Catch from My Cat?

To obtain a sample packet containing a copy of each brochure or to place an order, practitioners should phone 607.253.3443.

Feline Health Topics for Veterinarians is a quarterly publication provided to veterinarians who are members of the Feline Health Center.

CatWatch, the Newsletter for Cat People, is available by subscription or free to members of the Feline Health Center. This monthly newsletter contains a wealth of useful information to help cat lovers keep their cats healthy and happy.

For more information on membership, please visit our website at www.vet.cornell.edu/fhc/membership/.

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The Feline Health Center relocated to a renovated suite of offices at the Baker Institute in 2009.